Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark landed at Fort Vermillion in 1804 and explored Spirit Mound 7 miles north of Vermillion. The city of Vermillion was founded in 1859, and since 1873, has maintained a municipal government to provide needed services to its citizens; and,

Whereas, In 1862, the first territorial legislature authorized a university at Vermillion. The objective was attained when the citizens of Vermillion took the initiative to fund the University of Dakota through a local bond issue in 1881; and,

Whereas, The Vermillion community has survived several major fires and the flood of 1881 which swept away three-fourths of the city. Steps have been taken to ensure the historic integrity by establishing three separate historic districts that are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and,

Whereas, During the summer and fall of 1889, six South Dakota cities conducted an intensive fight to be the site chosen for the location of the capital of South Dakota and, on October 1, 1889, Pierre won the battle; and,

Whereas, Now, state government is going on the road to the people of Vermillion and the surrounding area in a unique program called "Capital for a Day;" and,

Whereas, "Capital for a Day" is designed to provide a local forum whereby an exchange of ideas, information, and concerns among the governor, cabinet officials, representatives for the private business sector, local elected officials, special interest groups, and the general public can occur; and,

Whereas, It is hoped that "Capital for a Day" will aid in the working relationship between state government and the citizens of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2005, as

VERMILLION "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State